

**MINUTES
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017**

PRESENT:	Scott Ames Ann Christman Clare Connally Marjorie Cutler Carol Dingman Bitsy Laney Beth Wood Patsy Mayo, Board Member Emeritus	STAFF:	Derrick Birdsall Historical Park Supt. Kim Jolly Chapman Historical Park Coord.
		GUEST:	Andy Olivo

ABSENT: Kay Lynn Lyon

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Board Chair, Clare Connally.

APPROVED MINUTES: The minutes from the February meeting were presented. Ann Christman moved to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2017 Board meeting as presented. Beth Wood seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER EXCUSING THE ABSENCE OF SCOTT AMES AND MARJORIE CUTLER FROM THE FEBRUARY 28, 2017 BOARD MEETING: Following the lead of City Council, Board absences will need to be excused at the following meeting by the members of the Board present. Bitsy Laney moved to excuse Scott and Marjorie's absence. Carol Dingman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS BOARD SECRETARY AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION: Marjorie Cutler volunteered to take on the Board Secretary position. Beth Wood moved to have Marjorie assume the position of Board Secretary. Ann Christman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS THE HISTORICAL PARK'S RENTAL POLICY: City Council returned the proposed rental policy updates back to the board at the Council meeting on March 21; the main item of contention was the exclusion policy change that stated no private events could be scheduled at the Historical Park during public events. Clare Connally suggested adding the word "preferably" to "only one rental at a time." Carol Dingman stated that the Board should not be in a rush to rewrite the policy until the Board gets guidance from Council as to how they see the Park's rentals fitting into the greater Historical Park operations as a whole. Scott Ames suggested to table the policy revisions until after meeting with City Council and Bitsy Laney concurs. After much discussion, Carol moved that the Board not revise the rental policy until such time as the Board and Council can meet to discuss it. Scott Ames seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT: In celebration of National Volunteer Week (the week of April 23-29), City Council will recognize the Historical Park's volunteers for all the great work

that they do. In addition, the Historical Park's Volunteer Appreciation Event will be held on June 1 with a trip to McKinney.

BOARD SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE HISTORICAL PARK: Clare Connally suggested to the Board that they volunteer to help the Friends at various events, like renting chairs or working the Christmas light drive thru. Bitsy Laney thought that the members of the vintage base ball team should also be approached as to joining the Friends. Scott Ames and Bitsy both inquired as to if an ad could be placed about the Friends in the Branch Review/Top 5 picks, etc. Carol Dingman thought it would be a good idea to add information about the Friends to pass out at the May meeting where City Council is hosting a meet and greet with prospective new Board members.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The schedule of upcoming events was included in the Board's packet and discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:


- A. COLLECTIONS:** The Collections report was included in the Board's packet and discussed. Scott Ames moved to accept the donations of: David Dennis, Judy Cargill, Roger McKemie, Danielle Brissette and Jamie Rigsby. Beth Wood seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. FRIENDS OF THE HISTORICAL PARK:** No report.
- C. MUSEUM EDUCATION/VOLUNTEERS:** The Education report was included in the Board's packet and discussed.
- D. MUSEUM/PLANNING:** No report.
- E. MUSEUM STORE:** Kim Jolly Chapman was present to discuss the Museum Store report.
- F. ORAL HISTORY:** Dara Jones will start interviewing people on the Oral History list in March.
- G. PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:** No Report.
- H. REVENUE:** No report.
- I. WEDDINGS:** No report.

DIRECTORS REPORT: The Director's Report was included in the Board's packet and discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Derriek Birdsall, Secretary


Clare Connally, Board Chair